

(2) that payment for works done, may be made by means of cheques to contractors as has been in vogue before and as this system prevails in the neighbouring British Provinces,

(3) that only one single cash book may be maintained in the Division office as before, instead of several books according to the new system,

(4) that a cashier may be given to each Public Works Division office, and that bills may be prepared in duplicate, instead of in triplicate, one copy being sent to the Audit office and the other filed in the Sub-Division,

(5) that the C. O. Registers may be posted either in the Division or Sub-Division office, but only the Executive Engineer should have a permanent and collective record of expenditure incurred in the Division,

(6) that bills, etc. should be paid only after check in the accounts branch,

(7) that the Pass Order Book may be reduced in size and provided with a counterfoil.

3. The Financial Secretary who was consulted has no objection to the recommendations by the Public Works Secretary with regard to items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. As regards recommendation 2, he is not in favour of reverting to the old system of payments by cheques. He observes that the procedure now in force is a great improvement on the old system.

4. Government, after a careful consideration of the arguments set forth by the several officers, have been pleased to accept all the proposals of the Public Works Secretary except item No. 2.

5. The Chief Engineer for Roads and Buildings is requested to submit the question of schedule of rent recoveries.

6. The question of transfer of the control of the Accounts clerks to the Executive Engineers will be taken up separately in consultation with the Comptroller of Mysore.

JOHN BHOSE,

Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department (Irrigation).

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

Reforms in the Public Works Accounts System

Leave to Temporary Employees.

READ—

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ORDER No. 4086/1923-S. & A. 17-23-26 DATED 1st FEBRUARY 1924.

Under Article 152 (a) of the Mysore Service Regulations, an officer who has a temporary or officiating appointment only may be allowed casual leave and Privilege leave, without losing lien on such appointment, if no substitute is required for his duties can be provided for without additional expense. The Inspector-General of Education has brought to the notice of the Government that there are several cases in the Department of persons continuing temporarily for a number of years for some reason or other and that in these cases the above rule operates as a great hardship as either the employees should be granted leave without allowances, irrespective of the length of service put in by them or the interests of the institutions concerned will have to suffer, if no acting arrangements involving extra cost are made. He has in these circumstances requested that the condition laid down in Art. 152 (a) Mysore Service Regulations, may be amended so as to admit of the grant of leave without restriction to temporary employees working in places, no part of the pay of which is drawn by any other persons; such employees being regarded as permanent for purposes of leave.

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